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FEW WORDS OF APPRECIATION

At the Cleveland convention many courtesies and marked honors were shown me in many ways. These, as I take it, were not made to me personally, but rather on account of the office of president which I had the honor to hold. They were none the less gratifying. It speaks well for the good sense and intelligence of our leading deaf that notwithstanding unwarranted attempts to discredit my work, the appreciation shown, instead of being lessened, was evidently increased by these attacks.

While I received my full share of credit and honors, there are others who during and before the convention, contributed largely to its success. In the hurry and excitement of the meeting, the work thus done was probably not understood and recognized as fully as it deserved. It is about those who thus contributed to the success of the convention that I wish to say a few words of appreciation.

First and foremost among them I would mention Mr. Kreigh B. Ayers, the efficient chairman of the local committee. Though a young man, he made good, and surpassed the expectation even of his friends. Few except those who came in close contact with him, or who have had experience in similar work can realize the amount of work he did. He was on the job early and late. Not only did he give his entire time to the Association for two months, but in order to be in close touch with the work, he, at considerable expense, engaged quarters for himself and wife at the Hollenden, so that he could always be found when wanted, and the calls for his services were too numerous to mention. While I understand that his father is a man of wealth, and that he could afford to do all these things without personal sacrifice, the N. A. D. was most fortunate in securing his services, and the success of the convention was in a very large measure due to his efficient work.

The other members of the local committee also did their parts well. Mr. Chas. R. Neillie and his auto mere much in evidence. The financial end was well handled by Mr. Friedman. Artie McCann, as publicity agent, burned the midnight oil many a night, but he worked to a purpose; he brought the crowd, and it was a crowd to be proud of. Mrs. Friedman was as busy as a bee. (How about that thirty cent hold-up?) The industrial exhibit

in charge of Mr. Krull, though small, was placed in a store window where it could be seen to advantage by the public. Miss Froelich rendered good service as the ladies testified. Mr. Koelle's specialty was to fraternize with everybody, especially the Frats.

Mrs. Bates as interpreter and press agent, rendered most valuable service. It should also be remembered that as the organizer and first chairman of the local committee she started it on the road which it travelled so successfully. Rev. Mr. Allabough seemed to have plenty of time to hob-nob with everybody, and apparently did not do anything in particular. But appearances are deceiving, and the work done by him quietly both before and during the convention had a decidedly large bearing on the success of the gathering.

Treasurer Freeman was one of the busiest men at the convention. I also take pleasure in saying that the prompt and business-like way in which he has handled the finances of the Association during the past three years has been most satisfactory.

A very important factor which contributed largely to the success of the convention was the State Auxiliary committee which was appointed by the president of the Ohio Deaf-Mute Alumni association, Mr. Louis J. Bacheberle. This committee consisted of the following:

Columbus: W. H. Zorn, C. C. Neuner, R. P. McGregor, A. H. Schory, A. B. Greener, A. W. Olemacher, Miss Clara Lamson, and Miss Ethel Zell.

Cleveland: Kreigh B. Ayers.

Cincinnati: L. J. Bacheberle.

Dayton: C. H. Cory, Jr.

Toledo: Mathias Steinwand.

Springfield: Frank Redington.

Sandusky: Adelbert Davis.

Portsmouth: Frank Minego.

Youngstown: Mrs. T. Feine.

Bellaire: Samuel W. Corbett.

Piqua: Ray M. Black.

Lime and Wapakoneta: Ed. Burke.

Findlay: P. L. Stevenson.

Canton: Alfred A. Monnin.

Akron: Michael J. Grimm.

Ohio Colony in Chicago: Ernest W. Craig.

Headquarters: Columbus, Ohio.

In this connection I desire also to mention a few others who have rendered valuable help to the N. A. D. during my term as president.

The Seattle N. A. D. Boosters, which includes the leading deaf of Seattle,

gave me much encouragement and assistance by discussing N. A. D. matters at the monthly meetings, and also helped in mailing and distributing circulars.

Mr. P. L. Axling performed a tremendous amount of work in connection with the Nebraska fight.

Mrs. J. F. Meagher helped to make the official record book by clipping and pasting much of the Journal records in the scrap book.

Mr. J. C. Howard's work in connection with imposters is too well known to need mention.

Mr. J. F. Meagher also has done much work in connection with the imposter crusade. He published a ten-page pamphlet and at his own expense sent it to the police magistrates and judges throughout the state of Washington.

Mr. Lyman M. Hunt worked hard as director of the Industrial Bureau, besides his work at Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. Regensburg's large sacrifice of time and work for the Moving Picture Fund entitles him to the thanks of the deaf.

The work of the Committee on the Hartford Monument, Dr. Fox, Dr. Hotchkiss, and Mr. Drake, cannot be too highly commended.

Mrs. Regensburg's work, in assisting in mailing and distributing the Colorado Springs report deserves special mention.

Mr. Roberts and Mr. Regensburg spent a great deal of time in preparing the above report for publication.

The concise and accurate reports of the convention written by Mr. Greener and Editor Hodgson for the Journal show ability as well as enterprise. Editor Hodgson in giving much space to the N. A. D. official record, as well as running an advertisement of the N. A. D. in the Journal free of charge, shows a fine public spirit. I am glad that this was recognized in a small way by the presentation of a purse to Mr. Hodgson at the Cleveland convention.

The Observer has given freely of its space to the N. A. D., and the publisher, Mr. Christenson, and the editors, Mrs. Hanson and Mr. Root, are entitled to thanks.

Papers for the deaf are not a paying proposition, and the deaf can best show their appreciation by subscribing for such papers as the Journal and the Observer.

I also wish to thank the editors of school papers that were sent me.

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INNOCENTS ABROAD.

We have received the following card which explains itself:

Palmer Jct.

Hon. Billy S. Root,
10 Art Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

We are on our way; don't know when we'll get there. Pulse normal, temperature high, conditions hopeful.

Yours,

N. CARL GARRISON.
ELSIE I. PETERSON.
BESSIE MAGUIRE.

Our train seems to have taken root in this little place.

MEMBERSHIP GROWING

At the monthly meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf two new members were added. They were Mrs. P. L. Axling and John Thomas. The names of Seth Ladd and Miss Alice Hammond were presented to be acted on at the next meeting.

At the conclusion of the business session, Olof Hanson gave an excellent report of the N. A. D. convention at Cleveland. Mr. Hanson was roundly applauded as he told of the stirring events at the convention.

The attendance was unusually large.

ASTONISHING

We announced in our last issue that Jimmy Meagher had made his will. This was astonishing news to every one.

His reputation as a wrestler (built up at Colorado Springs), a boxer, the whitewashing the N. A. D. gave him, several trunks or poetry and prose in manuscript have all been willed to his heir, legatees and next of kin.

Here's wishing Jimmy long life and when he finally shuffles off his mortal coil may his descendants and heirs have more substantial remembrances.

A FEW WORDS OF APPRECIATION including the Ohio Chronicle, The Kansas Star, The Mississippi Voice, the Maryland Bulletin, and the Missouri Record, as well as several others sent occasionally.

Besides those whom I have named, many others have rendered valuable services to the Association. To mention all would make the list too long.

It is to be hoped that this spirit of co-operation will grow even stronger in the future, for it is the willing and ready work of large numbers that can and should make the N. A. D. a strong and powerful organization.

OLOF HANSON.

Seattle, Sept. 17, 1913.

TEN FOR WASHINGTON

The following from this state left this week for Gallaudet College at Washington, D. C.: Misses Elsie Peterson, Bessie Maguire, Ethel Gregory, Mary Lovell, Messrs. Carl Garrison, Arthur Classen, John Skoglund, William Mellis, Frank Thompson, Kenneth Willman.

This makes ten from the state of Washington now at Gallaudet. An encouraging showing, population considered.

GONE TO OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Scott left Bremerton on Saturday, August 13th, to reside at Beaverton, Oregon. They will live with a cousin on a 40-acre ranch. Mr. Scott is an old printer and hopes to have opprounity to work at his trade in his new location, as well as trying his hand at farming. The Puget Sound friends of Mr. and Mrs. Scott are sorry to see them go, but are glad of the opening offered them.

INDUSTRIAL BUREAU AWARDS.

Arthur W. Adams, of Cleveland, O., house painter.

Clyde Long, Indianapolis, Ind., wood mosaic work.

Bertha Ross, hand-made pillow tops.

Fred C. Ross, water color painting.

Wallace S. Clarke, Grand Rapids, Mich., label cutting.

Photographs of National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

Miss Grace Albert, Dayton, O., embroidery.

Walter J. Thurston, corn and wheat samples.

A. S. Newetsen, Riverside, Cal., photographs of orange grove and two silver cups.

D. Friedman, iron work.

William Liggins, of New York, gold chased work.

Cadillac auto from Allentown, Pa., 515 miles, Will A. Arnold, Albert A. Meyer, Rev. F. C. Smielau. Two days, Rev. F. C. Smielau, driver.

Ida Millard, Bridgeport, O., embroidery.

Mrs. Hattie Edam, Cleveland, O., rag bags.

Susie Boettner, Cleveland, O., embroidery and drawn work.

Cora Uhl, bead work.

Mrs. F. C. Kruell, over and over curling stitch work.

David Friedman, Cleveland, O., astronomical telescope.

Toasts at the Banquet in Cleveland.

Toastmaster.....Kreigh B. Ayes

"May the other banquet be forgot,

Let this one be the best,

Join us in the songs we sing to-night,

Be happy with the rest."

"Cleveland, the Sixth City in size, but chiefly noted for the public spirit of its people"

Hon. N. D. Baker, Mayor of Cleveland.

The N. A. D.....Olof Hanson

"Our hands are full of business; let's away;

Advantage feeds them fat while men delay."

The Great Buckeye State.....

Robert P. McGregor

"Who invited you to the feast?"

"By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know

Them".....Dr. Thomas F. Fox

"No man's personal experience

can be so valuable as the

compared and collated experi-

ence of many men."

Imposters Campaign.....

Jay Cooke Howard

The C. A. D.....Mrs. E. E. Bates

"For the friends we have to love us,

For the chance to love them too;

For the place our lives may brighten

And the good that we can do."

The N. F. S. D.....Francis P. Gibson

"Thou wast my nurse in sickness,

and my comforter in health;

So gentle and so constant, when

our love was all our wealth;

Thy voice of music sooth'd me,

love, in each desponding hour;

As heaven's honey-dew consoles

the bruised and broken flower."

The Ladies.....Rev. H. Lorraine Tracy

"The world was sad!—the garden

was a wild!

And man, the hermit, sigh'd—till

woman smil'd."

The Deaf Press.....J. S. Long

"The pen is mightier than the

sword."

Caustic Comment.

Robert Lowe, afterward Lord Sherbrooke, once saw a deaf member of Parliament trying his best to catch with his ear trumpet the words of an extremely dull speech.

"Just look at that foolish man," said Lowe, "throwing away his natural advantages."—Ex.

GONE TO PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Fay, who were employed in the laundry at the Vancouver school last year, are now residing in Portland.

LOCALS.

J. E. Gustin has been on a trip to Hoquiam.

True Partridge has returned from his vacation trip. No reports of large catches.

Mr. and Mrs. Swangren are now located on 15th Ave. N. E., just north of 65th Street.

Will West is still in the north although his mother expects him back to attend school.

Bert Haire is now working at a fish box labelling company plant along with Aug. Koberstein.

Louis Bartl of Mt. Vernon, has returned home from Yakima, stopping off at Seattle enroute.

Rev. Fedder will hold services for the deaf on the first Sunday in October, at 22nd Ave. and East Union.

The Wright twins commenced school this fall. Mamma thinks home rather lonesome with so many little ones gone.

P. L. Axling has his eye on a house near Cowen's Park, and some fine day may find the Axlings residents of that vicinity.

We regret to learn that our aged friend, Dewitt Tousley is not in good health. He was unable to be out to the Bible Class Sunday.

The Bible Class was led last Sunday by Olof Hanson, with the usual attendance. The next will be on the third Sunday of October with L. O. Christenson as leader.

Several of the local deaf received invitations to Miss Alice Hammond's birthday party last week, but owing to the shortness of the notice were obliged to send regrets.

Mrs. Eva Seeley and Miss Alice Hammond of Tacoma were present at the last meeting of the P. S. A. D. and spent the next day with Mrs. Hanson, helping her celebrate her birthday.

Lydia Waugh has entered the Queen Anne high school, while Marion Hanson now attends the Lincoln high school. The children of deaf parents are certainly as bright as any. Marion is not yet thirteen years of age.

Mique Brown has again shaken off the dust of Seattle and gone to San Francisco. He says he is going to Los Angeles, thence to Cleveland, Ohio, and on to Rochester, N. Y. We advised Mique to get married and settle down.

PRINCESS MAY BE DUMB

Manchester, England, Sept. 21.—Relatives of the queen of Spain have been shocked by the news that the second daughter of the queen, like her second son, will be both deaf and dumb, says the Manchester Guardian. It is feared that the little Spanish princess is totally deaf, and unless this can be corrected she probably will never be able to speak.—Daily paper.

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TO BRING THE BABIES

At the next social of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf the babies also expect to be present. It will be held at the usual place in Carpenter's Hall. First and second prizes have been offered for the best babies of deaf parents residing in the Puget Sound country.

W. S. Root is in charge of the affair. He has selected three bald-headed men to act as judges. These three will be arrayed in dignity and robes.

While no positive decision has been made it is believed that Judge Hole will be selected for Chief Justice. His honor has rare qualifications for judging beauty.

All children under eighteen months will be allowed to enter the contest.

Selections to be made on following points:

1. Best personal appearance.
2. Neatness.
3. General conditions.

The admission fee has been placed at two smiles and a real laugh.

A little humor will be mixed in here and there during the evening, and any one who goes home without having laughed heartily will be fined heavily.

A number from out of town have already signified their intention of being present.

It is suggested that each mother bring a good picture of the baby, as the winner's picture may be published.

OUR SALEM GUEST

Miss Marion Finch of Aberdeen, S. D., stopped off in Seattle on her way to Salem, Oregon, where she holds a position as teacher in the state school for the deaf. While in this town she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wright.

Saturday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. Wright invited a few in to spend the evening and meet their guest.

Mr. Hanson gave a talk of his trip from Cleveland to Hartford, Conn., to New York, Pittsburgh and home to Seattle, which contained much valuable information.

After this cards were indulged in for an hour.

All were then seated at a long table and a bounteous repast served by Mrs. Wright and assistants. Following this the following toasts were responded to:

"Two Smiles and a Laugh"-----
-----W. S. Root
"Ex-presidents"-----Mrs. O. Hanson
"Globe Trotter"-----O. Hanson
"Real Estate Man"-----E. Swangren
"Mountain Trout"-----A. Waugh

"Moving Day"-----L. O. Christenson
"Apartment Life"-----Mrs. E. Swangren
"Lady Homesteaders"-----Miss Finch
"I Should Worry"-----P. L. Axling
"My Friends"-----Mrs. A. W. Wright
The toast "The Ladies" by A. W. Wright had to be omitted to allow the crowd to catch the car.

Miss Finch attended the Bible Class Sunday afternoon and in the evening left for Salem, where school opened Monday.

BRING YOUR TINTYPES.

Any of the local deaf having pictures of themselves taken when very young are requested to bring them to the social Saturday evening at Carpenter Hall.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCES

On Sunday, the 14th, a number of the friends of Mrs. J. E. Gustin called upon her to remind her of her birthday. A pleasant afternoon was spent.

STRUCK BY AN AUTO

Charles Downey, who resides at Ballard, was struck by an auto at the Second avenue and Pike crossing one night last week. He sustained some bruises and was taken to the city hospital, but released next day.

PUGET SOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

Meeting at Carpenter Hall, Fourth Avenue just north of Pine Street.

Officers:

President—True Partridge.
Vice-President—Miss Cleon Morris.
Secretary, Philip L. Axling.
Treasurer, John E. Gustin.
Serg.-at-Arms, A. H. Koberstein.

Bible Class for the deaf meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m. in Trinity Parish Church, corner Eighth Ave. & James St. All welcome.

Olof Hanson, Lay-reader, in charge

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TACOMA.

On her birthday, Wednesday eve Miss Alice Hammond was treated to one of those rare events, a genuine surprise party. During her absence to her brother's home for dinner, her deaf friends took possession of her home and greeted her in manner befitting the occasion on her return. While the guests regaled themselves with ice cream and cake they treated their hostess to some original toasts. Her relatives and friends remembered the day with a number of useful and beautiful presents.

Mrs. Seeley and Miss Hammond spent a delightful afternoon with Mrs. Bertram last Thursday.

Miss Slegel's cousins from Texas, who have been touring the coast, spent some days with her recently.

Ray Foster has taken up a homestead in Oregon and expects to move his family there in a couple of months. Mrs. Foster, who has been visiting in the East is to arrive home the 27th inst.

While deeply regretting the Foster's proposed departure, we all wish them success in their new home.

Miss Burnett has been visiting Mrs. Hutson the last week or so.

Several of us may attend the "Baby Show" in Seattle Saturday

eve. Even if we Tacomans have no babies eligible for the show we think it well worth while to witness the discomfiture of the poo rjudges. If there is any one deserving of pity it is a judge at a baby show.

The fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lourney, proved himself a hero at Burton. A seven year old boy unable to swim foolishly dived off the pier into the deep water and had sunk twice before reached by Waldo, who swam to his rescue.

Those who failed to see Mr. Hanson's description of his trip to the Cleveland convention missed a treat. Cold type never could give the touch to the narration that Mr. Hanson's play of expression did. Then, too, Mr. Hanson's sense of humor adds and although he sprinkles it in with a piquancy to everything he narrates liberal hand, he knows just the right measure to use.

Mrs. Hanson, in her usual hospitable way made the Tacoma visitors, Miss Hammond and Mrs. Seeley, welcome to her beautiful home.

(LETTER FROM HELEN KELLER)

Wrentham, Mass., June 2, 1913.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

I sincerely regret that it will be impossible for me to attend the convention to the National Association for the Deaf in August. It would afford me great pleasure to be with you all, and to take part in the discussion of problems which interest us deeply. I believe in every movement the object of which is to help and encourage the deaf. I know the obstacles that they have to encounter in their daily life at home and in the workshop.

It is true that I have a strong predilection for speech. Speech has been of incalculable service to me. It has enabled me to enter freely into the life and companionship of hearing people. Without speech I do not believe I could have gone to college. It put me in touch with people who did not use the manual alphabet, and it made communication more rapid. Speech has enabled me partially to bridge the gap between my world and the world of normal men. Consequently I believe with all my strength that every child should be given an opportunity to speak and read the lips. This is his birthright.

Nevertheless, I am convinced that all methods work together for good unto him who uses them rightly. No method is perfect. I realize that I have had exceptional advantages which all the deaf do not have—skillful teaching and the constant, watchful care of devoted friends to keep my speech intelligible. Without such care and vigilance on the part of hearing friends the speech of the deaf will eventually deteriorate. Without constant practice one soon loses the abil-

ity to read the lips easily. Not all the deaf can have some one always at hand to correct their mistakes, and practice in lip-reading is often impossible. Therefore I can understand that without the "sign language" many hundreds of deaf people would be isolated, and find life a desert. The problem that we are all trying to solve is how to get the most happiness out of life. One of the essential elements of happiness is companionship. The nimbleness and buoyancy of the sign language make it a pleasant medium of communication. So far it is a desirable adjunct to the equipment of the deaf.

But as a means of educating the intellect, it is open to serious criticism. Only through a common language can all minds be trained alike and made intelligible to each other. But whatever method of communication the deaf may use, I hold out my hands to them all in sympathy and fellowship. I want the deaf of this country, and indeed of all lands, to have every advantage that ingenuity, science and education can give them. I want them to be helped in every possible way to break through the drift of deafness. I want them to have every possible opportunity to live useful, happy lives, to taste the joy of achievement.

Will you kindly convey to the National Association for the deaf my warm wishes for success in its good work. With cordial greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HELEN KELLER.

JOHN D. IS BEATEN AT GOLF, AND IT IS NO TUT-TUT HE MUTTERS.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Horace W. Buell, Jr., bookkeeper in a Chicago department store, holds the unique distinction of having trimmed John D. Rockefeller on the oil king's own golf links, but today he refused to say much about it.

Buell was one of the Illinois delegates to the national convention of deaf mutes in Cleveland, and after John D. had addressed the convention he invited any of the mutes that were golfers to try out his course. The Chicago bookkeeper was paired with Rockefeller himself and beat him easily, 4 up.

John D., as usual, rode his bicycle in pursuing the little white ball after each shot. Buell explained today that once, when the oil king sliced a drive, his face was a picture of chagrin and that his lips moved angrily.

"I watched his lips but I couldn't get just what he was saying," Buell "said" on a pad of writing paper, "but I could know it wasn't 'tut-tut.'"—Daily Paper.